



CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

POSTPONED - RESCHEDULED
TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF EASTBOUND STATE ROUTE 198
WATSON STREET OFF RAMP
IN THE VISALIA AREA

The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in cooperation with Teichert Construction announces the temporary closure of the eastbound State Route 198, Watson Street off ramp within the Visalia city limits, in Tulare County. This closure will be necessary to construct a retaining wall as the first phase of a ramp widening project.

The following temporary closure originally scheduled to for Thursday, September 22, 2011 has been rescheduled to begin Monday, September 26, 2011 (weather permitting):

Eastbound State Route 198, Watson Street off ramp will be temporarily closed beginning Monday, September 26, 2011 for approximately two months and is scheduled to re-open by the end of November. This will be a 24 hour closure, 7 days per week for the full two months.

On Monday, September 26, 2011 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. the #2 lane (right lane) of eastbound State Route 198 at the Watson Street off ramp will also be closed to allow construction crews to place safety equipment necessary for the ramp closure. This lane closure will only be on this day, during these hours and is not part of the two month closure.

For the safety of construction workers and the motoring public during construction, this ramp closure is necessary during 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Commuters will experience delays and are encouraged to take alternate routes whenever possible.

Caltrans and Teichert would like to remind you to drive with extra care and allow additional travel time while travelling in the Visalia area. Please be alert for Road Construction Personnel and

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